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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

J. Edward CICHANOWICZ

Atty. Docket No. 023407-00001

Serial No.: 10/725,057

Examiner: Jonas N. Strickland

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Art Unit: 1754

For: MULT-STAGE HEAT ABSORBING REACTOR AND PROCESS FOR SCR OF NOX AND FOR OXIDATION OF ELEMENTAL MERCURY

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 6, 2005

Sir:

In the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, which is a Restriction Requirement requiring election between one of two inventions, which the Examiner asserts are recited in the application. The two asserted inventions in the claims are:

Group I: Claims 1-14 and 23-25, drawn to a selective catalytic reduction apparatus; and

Group II: Claims 15-22, drawn to a method for the selective catalytic reduction of nitrogen oxides.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 15-22, drawn to a method for the selective catalytic reduction of nitrogen oxides, with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 023407-00001.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Carpenter", written over a horizontal line.

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